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REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to the Collector for 1870, was	\$12,898.18
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The Collector has discharged himself as follows :

Paid Town Treasurer, cash, road certificates and abatements,	12,034.65
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Amount remaining due from Collector for 1870,	863.53
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Amount remaining due from Collectors for 1867, 1868, 1869,	551.70
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\$1,415.23

Whole amount of money, abatements, &c., received by the Treasurer, from March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871,	\$20,010.28
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Amount of payments by the Treasurer for the same time as above,	\$19,369.19
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Balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer March 1, 1871,	\$641.09
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1870.

Receipts.

Mar. 12.	Received of Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	\$347.00
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" 12.	County, for support of pauper,	35.00
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" 14.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	26.00
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" 19.	L. Gage, bal. in his hands as Treasurer for 1869,	71.96
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Apr. 21.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	214.00
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May	9.	Received of Nathan Ayer, on note,	500.00
"	9.	Committee to sell town farm,	94.18
"	16.	" " " "	145.68
"	19.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	43.00
"	21.	Circus, for license,	30.00
June	10.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	657.84
"	17.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	767.04
"	18.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	41.54
"	23.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	1,547.79
"	25.	" " " "	1,150.00
July	1.	" " " "	2,800.13
"	4.	" " " "	1,665.23
"	19.	John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1867,	11.06
Aug.	17.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	461.53
Sept.	23.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	413.00
"	26.	on note to P. S. Bank,	963.20
Oct.	18.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	160.00
"	21.	I. K. Gage, for iron,	.55
"	21.	Amount of note taken in part payment for town farm, and interest,	1,248.96
Nov.	2.	State Treasurer, as follows: viz.,	
		Railroad tax for 1870,	1,208.28
		Savings Bank tax for 1870,	492.68
		Literary Fund,	93.09
		Assigned U. S. bounties,	155.60
"	4.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	132.00
"	25.	" " " "	125.00
Dec.	5.	" " " "	150.00
"	10.	" " " "	161.00
"	17.	" " " "	200.00
1871.			
Jan.	5.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	220.09

Jan.	11.	Received on note to P. S. Bank,	480.74
"	14.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	104.00
"	31.	P. S. Bank, on note,	496.56
Feb.	2.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	240.00
"	6.	" " " " "	116.00
"	10.	" " " " "	104.00
"	17.	County, for support of paupers,	426.44
"	20.	J. C. Chadwick, for error in bill paid him,	1.00
"	21.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	341.45
"	22.	Committee to sell town farm, &c.,	187.15
"	22.	C. Morrill, bal. interest on note,	1.82
"	24.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	230.00
"	24.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	65.00
"	27.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1869,	118.04
"	27.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1868,	47.10
"	28.	Ira Sweat, on his collection of taxes for 1870,	630.00
"	28.	John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1867,	8.54
"	28.	Town of Canterbury, one half expense of rubble,	80.01
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			\$20,010.28

EXPENDITURES.

1870.

Miscellaneous Bills.

May	20.	Paid James P. Brown, damage to horse on road,	\$35.00
July	2.	E. C. Morse, for digging graves,	8.00
"	5.	J. S. Quimby, for do.,	6.00
"	12.	McFarland & Jenks, for reports, &c.,	61.35
Aug.	17.	Ira Sweat, Collector of Taxes, discount on taxes collected prior to July 1, 1870,	430.93

Sept. 17.	Paid E. E. Graves, for return of births and deaths,	2.75
" 27.	E. C. Morse, for digging graves,	8.00
Oct. 6.	E. K. Stone, for do.,	2.00
Nov. 9.	J. B. Sanborn, damage to horse and wagon,	10.00
" 30.	Wm. C. Marden, for digging grave,	2.00
1871.		
Jan. 3.	E. C. Morse, for do.,	2.00
" 14.	C. & J. C. Gage, for timber and boards for reservoir,	63.90
" 20.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., for books and stationery,	8.85
" 30.	S. A. Ambrose, Selectmen's expenses,	3.75
Feb. 9.	George Knowles, for water trough and work at cemetery,	3.00
" 15.	Pay-roll of Engine Co.,	75.00
" 16.	E. Plummer, for water trough,	3.00
" "	A. G. Kimball, damage to horse in 1869,	25.00
" "	G. L. Pillsbury, for notifying town officers,	2.00
" 20.	J. W. Roby, for digging graves,	4.00
" 22.	J. P. Rowe, stone for reservoir,	134.92
" "	Isaac K. Gage, committee on cemetery, &c.,	5.75
" 27.	David Abbott, expenses of reservoir,	374.60
" "	David Abbott, for repairs of wash-out, at Boscawen Academy,	75.75
" 28.	G. S. Royce, for repairs of hearse,	2.75
" "	N. Butler, for cash paid out for sundry matters,	10.75
" "	R. S. Prichard, damage to land, 1869,	8.00
" "	" " for digging graves,	9.00
" "	" " for sheep killed by dogs,	5.00
" "	Ira Sweat, for stationery, &c.,	2.50
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		\$1,385.55

1870.

Roads and Bridges.

Mar. 31.	Paid David Abbott, for rubbling pier of bridge,	\$59.28
June 20.	Leonard Morrison, for gravel bank and earth,	50.00
" 27.	J. W. J. Weir, for work on road,	6.90

July	2.	Paid E. C. Morse, for work on road,	2.00
"	12.	Wm. P. Ford, for plow,	17.00
"	"	Concord Pipe Co., for drain pipe,	81.50
Sept.	3.	Geo. W. Russell, for lighting bridge,	18.00
"	5.	J. Fox, for work on road,	1.00
"	14.	D. J. Calef, for repairs of "Stirrup-iron Brook Road,"	205.00
"	16.	J. S. & C. C. Bean, freight on drain pipe,	6.00
Oct.	29.	L. T. Boyce, for work, fence, and out- standing bill,	18.00
Dec.	10.	N. S. Webster, for rubble at "Canter- bury Bridge," and work,	51.50
"	17.	Gage, Porter & Co., for iron, nails, &c.,	81.35
"	19.	J. Rolfe, for breaking out roads,	4.50
1871.			
Jan.	13.	C. & J. C. Gage, for lumber, iron, nails, &c.,	332.61
"	14.	C. & J. C. Gage, for do.,	114.56
"	"	C. & J. C. Gage, for work on road,	35.35
Feb.	4.	Geo. M. Dudley, for nails, &c.,	4.02
"	8.	J. C. Chadwick, agent for repairs of roads,	109.73
"	9.	John Coffin, do.,	126.99
"	10.	E. Fellows, for work on "Gulf Road,"	2.50
"	21.	W. C. Marden, for work on roads, 1869-70.	3.00
"	"	Samuel Choate, agent for repairs of roads,	109.30
"	"	G. W. Russell, for lighting bridge,	15.60
"	24.	Hollis Towne, for work on road, &c.,	22.30
"	"	E. L. Morrill, for work on road,	1.50
"	25.	C. C. Hall, for snowing bridge,	4.00
"	27.	David Abbott, agent for repairs of roads,	2,983.45
"	"	David Abbott, for rubbing pier of bridge,	54.00
"	"	Wm. B. Burpee, agent for repairs of roads,	35.74
"	"	J. G. Eastman, do.,	173.17
"	"	H. P. Gill, for cash paid for work on road,	5.40
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			\$4,735.25

Nonresident Highway Taxes worked out.

1871.

Feb. 21. Paid Samuel Choate, nonresident highway taxes for 1868-9, as follows :

1868.	Robert Hoit,	\$1.50
	Albert Hoit,	.50
	James Thompson,	2.25
	Gilman J. Colby,	.38
	Sherman Colby,	.50
	Ruth Colby,	2.00
	Ruth E. & Rosette E. Colby,	1.38
1869.	H. H. Brown & Sons,	5.81
	James Thompson,	2.25
	Robert Hoit,	1.50
	Albert Hoit,	.50
	Nath'l White,	1.50

\$20.07*Payments of Bonds and Interest.*

1870.

July 2.	Paid Estate of A. B. Winn, Bond No. 20,	\$500.00
	" " " " " 21,	500.00
	Susan P. Sawyer, " " 24,	500.00
	B. P. Johnson, " " 23,	200.00
	John Sanborn, " " 25,	200.00
	John Sanborn, " " 5,	50.00
	Hannah Choate, " " 8,	50.00

\$2,000.00Interest on \$21,550, at 6 per cent
in gold,

1,451.76

\$3,451.76*Payments on Notes.*

1870.

Mar. 16.	Paid A. G. Howe, on note,	\$150.00
May 23.	P. S. Bank, interest on note,	10.22
June 9.	P. S. Bank, interest on note,	6.30
" 16.	P. S. Bank, note,	500.00
July 5.	A. G. Howe, balance on note,	312.03
" 7.	W. H. Sargent, note,	200.00
" 8.	Peter Coffin, note and interest,	155.73
" 23.	P. S. Bank, note,	800.00

Aug. 8.	Paid P. S. Bank, interest on note,	18.70
Dec. 22.	H. L. Dodge, interest on note,	7.00
1871.		
Feb. 8.	P. S. Bank, interest on note,	18.40
" 16.	E. Plummer, interest on notes,	130.00
" 28.	P. S. Bank, note,	500.00
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		\$2,808.38

Schools and School Houses.

1870.		
July 5.	Paid John Seavy, school house tax in District No. 3,	\$300.00
" 5.	John Seavy, Prudent'l Com. Dist. No. 3,	56.00
" 7.	O. D. Webster, " " " 6,	40.00
" 11.	W. Flanders, " " " 7,	130.00
" 12.	J. A. McClure, " " " 4,	36.00
" 29.	H. P. Gill, " " " 1,	100.00
" 30.	J. C. Chadwick, " " " 2,	25.00
Oct. 21.	F. L. Sweatland, school house tax in District No. 5,	30.00
" 28.	H. P. Gill, school house tax in District No. 1,	100.00
Nov. 10.	W. Flanders, Prudent'l Com. Dist. No. 7,	200.00
" 14.	D. T. Hoag, " " " 8,	43.00
" 16.	R. Pevare, " " " 5,	96.00
" 24.	H. P. Gill, " " " 1,	25.00
1871.		
Jan. 30.	John Seavy, " " " 3,	104.00
Feb. 3.	O. D. Webster, " " " 6,	50.00
" 7.	H. P. Gill, " " " 1,	66.00
" 8.	J. C. Chadwick, " " " 2,	50.00
" 9.	J. A. McClure, " " " 4,	59.00
" 20.	W. Flanders, " " " 7,	220.00
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		\$1,730.00

1870. *Support of Paupers.*

Mar. 24.	Paid Mrs. J. B. Knowlton, for support of Stirling child,	\$12.00
" 26.	J. P. Sanborn, for service of notices, &c., and paid witnesses in suit v. Franklin,	10.63
April 6.	R. W. Bennett, for taking depositions in said suit,	6.23

April 9.	Paid Charles Morrill, balance due as overseer of town farm,	172.61
" 26.	Mrs. J. B. Knowlton, for support of Stirling child,	6.00
May 25.	Mrs. Naomi Roby, aid,	13.00
July 5.	George W. Whittier, for aid to Mrs. Ingalls and family,	11.00
" 7.	J. C. Flanders, for board of David Jackman,	26.00
" 9.	Hall & Foote, balance of poor house account,	23.35
Aug. 26.	J. A. Coburn, for coffin,	8.00
Sept. 3.	Geo. W. Russell, aid to W. Johnson family,	10.00
" 17.	E. E. Graves, for medical attendance on paupers,	8.50
Oct. 22.	Mrs. Naomi Roby, aid,	20.00
Dec. 26.	Nathan Colby for support of E. A. Gage,	62.50
" 29.	J. C. Flanders, for board of David Jackman,	52.00
1871.		
Jan. 3.	A. Harris & Sons, house rent for Mrs. Wm. Johnson,	27.20
" 21.	J. P. Sanders, for clothes for son of R. Dolan,	5.00
" 26.	Minot & Mugridge, services in suit against Franklin,	16.00
" 30.	S. A. Ambrose, expense of transient persons,	9.75
" "	H. Bonney, do.,	5.50
Feb. 4.	G. M. Dudley, for goods for paupers,	18.50
" 7.	S. M. Emery, for medical attendance, &c., for paupers,	32.25
" "	J. H. Flanders, for moving Mrs. Johnson's furniture from poor house to Fisherville,	2.50
" 15.	Charles Morrill, for support of Martha Holt to Feb. 17, 1871,	116.80
" 21.	N. Butler, for services and expenses in suit v. Franklin,	15.50
" "	Do., for aid to transient paupers,	6.70
" 24.	J. P. Hubbard, for moving Mrs. Johnson,	1.50

Feb. 25.	Paid C. C. Hall, for support of Ezra Flan-	
	ders,	20.00
" "	C. C. Hall, difference between horses,	
	in 1869,	10.00
" 27.	Merrill Moore, for goods for paupers,	5.00
" "	Mrs. Naomi Roby, aid,	20.00
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		\$754.02

1871. *Abatement of Taxes.*

Jan. 5.	Paid Ira Sweat, abatement on list of taxes	
	for 1870, committed to him for	
	collection,	96.40
Feb. 27.	Ira Sweat, do.,	61.52
" "	Samuel Choate, abatements on lists of	
	taxes of 1868 and 1869,	145.14
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		\$303.06

1870. *Town Officers.*

June 25.	Paid Benjamin Grose, for police services in	
	1869,	3.00
Aug. 16.	L. Gage, Selectman for 1869,	9.25
1871.		
Feb. 24.	Wm. R. Jewett, School Committee for	
	Dist. No. 7,	10.00
" "	E. E. Graves, School Committee,	38.00
" 25.	B. Atkinson, Selectman for 1869,	5.00
" "	C. E. Chadwick, Town Clerk,	26.85
" 27.	J. G. Eastman, Selectman and Over-	
	seer of the Poor,	30.00
" "	H. P. Gill, do.,	60.00
" 28.	N. Butler, do. and Town Treasurer,	125.00
" "	Ira Sweat, Collector of Taxes for 1870,	80.00
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		\$387.10

State and County Taxes.

1870.

Sept. 26.	Paid County tax,	\$1,250.00
Nov. 2.	State tax,	2,544.00
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		\$3,794.00

Recapitulation.

Paid miscellaneous bills,	\$1,385.55
Roads and bridges,	4,735.25
Nonresident highway taxes worked out,	20.07
Bonds, and interest on bonds,	3,451.76
On notes and interest,	2,808.38
Schools and school-houses,	1,730.00
Support of paupers,	754.02
Abatement of taxes,	303.06
State and County Taxes,	3,794.00
Town officers,	387.10
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	\$19,369.19
Debt of town, March 1, 1871, in bonds,	\$20,000.00
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1871, payable in coin,	800.00
Amount of outstanding notes,	4,630.00
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Total indebtedness of the town,	\$25,430.00
Due the town from Ira Sweat, Collector of taxes for 1870,	\$863.53
Due from Collectors of taxes for 1869, 1868, 1867,	551.70
Amount of notes taken for town farm, &c.,	1,054.22
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	641.09
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	\$3,110.54
Balance against the Town,	<hr/>
	\$22,319.46

N. BUTLER,	} <i>Selectmen and Over-</i>
H. P. GILL,	
J. G. EASTMAN,	
	<i>seers of the Poor of</i>
	<i>Boscawen.</i>

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen of Boscawen, for the year 1870-71, report that they have examined said accounts, and find the receipts from March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871, to have been \$20,010.28, and the disbursements to have been \$19,369.19, the accounts of which are properly vouched and correctly cast, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, of \$641.09.

ISAAC K. GAGE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
LUTHER GAGE,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow-citizens :

Judging from the large number of names on the visiting list of the various registers returned me, I think a more than usual amount of interest has been manifested by parents and others than for some years past; and I consider this a step in the right direction, for I fear that some terms of school have passed without hardly a call from *any*, but especially, from the parents in the district.

Parents are responsible, in a great measure, for the progress made by their children, for many of them, when they find they are left in sole charge of the teacher, and not carefully watched by the parents, will take advantage of any little opportunity that presents itself to play the truant, and after it has been successfully accomplished once, is liable to be repeated again and again. Such children make but very little progress, as I can show any one. And as a general rule it is those parents who visit a school the least that have the most fault to find. Where is there one among us, that, if he hire another to work for him on his farm does not, occasionally, look for *himself* to ascertain how the work is progressing, and if performed in a satisfactory manner, and not *wholly* rely on flying reports, (which if good, add nothing, and if poor, lose nothing in their flight). A school that will not bear inspection better be at once

dismissed, and the teacher follow some other occupation. I do not mean by this that teachers are to be "inspected with a critic's eye," and every little fault in discipline or recitation censured; for, if this is undertaken, none can pass the ordeal. Not one can be found without *some* little fault, for what will please one will not another. One is said to use too much time for music, another for rhetorical exercises, &c.

A school having a teacher who wishes to see no one in the schoolroom but the scholars, from the commencement to the end of the term, is, generally, one that will not bear inspection; and it is generally the school that makes the least progress. If you hire a teacher that instructs by the "job," you may rest assured that it will be performed in the same manner that such work is, many times—the most superficial possible. I heard a young man say, a short time since, that, "if he had been *driven to school and watched after he was there by his parents*, he should have been something." And such is the case *many* times. Parents, if you wish your children to grow up to be useful members of society, and have an education that will be of use to themselves and the community in which they live, have an eye on them while attending the common school. It is here that *most* receive their *first*, and many their *last*, school instruction. They go from there out into the world to care for themselves, and pay little heed to it afterward. Many of you will say that the teachers are placed in the schools, and to them belong the care of the children. Teachers will, I trust, do their part, but, without the hearty coöperation of the parents, much that otherwise would be gained is lost.

Order, obedience and regularity are essential in every school, and, if children are taught these at *home*, teachers will have much more time to devote to the recitations in the school-room. If children are not obedient at home, it is very seldom that any thing but the rod will govern them at school. Kindness, at first, will soften a *few*, but in the majority of cases, the rod first, and kindness afterward, is the better treatment. I am not a believer in corporal punishment when it can be avoided, but I am a strong advocate for it when pupils disregard the rules of a

teacher, as I have seen some in our schools. Prudential Committees should ever be on their guard, when employing teachers, and obtain those that not only possess "a temper and disposition suitable to be instructors of youth," but, with all other qualifications, firmness to carry out any necessary rules they may see fit to make.

When a good teacher has been found, he should be kept in the same school as long as possible, for a change of teachers always makes a change of methods, and often the entire character of the school. It is much easier to theorize than practice, and, after a teacher learns, by patient toil, the capabilities of each scholar, he can practice accordingly; and, on the commencement of a second term, is all ready to push forward without again having to follow the same plan—only with any new scholars that may be added. One reason why successful teachers can not be retained in our schools is on account of the small amount of money expended for Educational purposes. By an act of our last Legislature, the amount of money to be raised for school purposes was increased, and a little addition every year will give us a sufficient amount to pay the best of teachers. If every person in the community felt (as they ought to feel) that the Common School is the fountain from which a nation derives its sustenance, there would be no lack of means or effort to advance the interests of Education. I think no one can deny that a person makes a better citizen, and has more influence when possessing a good education (if he use it) than when ignorant and unlettered. I hope then that those of you who have no children will not try to *hinder* those that have from doing their utmost to educate them, in the best manner possible, but will also try to do your part to help them, and reap your reward (if in no other way) by seeing them prosper when they come on the stage of active life.

SPECIAL REPORT.

District No. 1. Hamilton P. Gill, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term — Clara Blake, Boscawen, teacher. The teacher was well qualified to have charge of this—the largest school under my care—and gave very general satisfaction.

Addie M. Taylor, Lizzie E. Taylor and Hattie M. Eastman, not absent one half day.

Winter Term—Willard F. Johnson, Fisherville, teacher. This was the first effort of the teacher, and the school rather hard to govern. The scholars did not seem to take that interest in their studies that is necessary for rapid improvement.

District No. 2. J. C. Chadwick, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Gracie H. Moulton, Salisbury, teacher. The teacher in her first term succeeded *well*, and no one had any reason to complain that any thing was left undone that it was in her power to perform. All showed marked improvement, and the parents seemed perfectly satisfied with the success of the school.

Winter Term—Annie L. Richards, Groton, teacher. The parents in District No. 2 ought to feel themselves highly favored with the success that has attended their efforts in obtaining teachers. I think no one that visited this school could go away feeling that their children would not improve under the instruction they were receiving. At the close, those that attended the examination, I think, were pleased with the progress that had been made, and the manner of conducting the exercises. It is very easy to see whether a scholar expects a certain question is coming to *him* to answer, and if by some little mistake on the part of the *teacher* the order is disarranged, the confusion that follows is quite amusing to spectators, but is rather embarrassing to the teacher, as I have had occasion to see in two schools in town.

Jennie M. Chadwick not absent one half day.

District No. 3. John Seavey, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Sarah A. Morse, Concord, teacher. The school was altogether too short for great improvement, but

succeeded as well as could be expected. The register not being properly filled by the teacher, I am unable to record the names of those scholars that were not absent.

Winter Term—Asa M. French, Boscawen, teacher. The school improved greatly under the instruction of the teacher, and was every way a successful term.

Lora Flint, Marion Seavey, Allie Chadwick, Leonard Flanders, Edward Morrill, not absent.

District No. 4. John A. McClure, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Luella M. Heath, Webster, teacher. The term being only six weeks there was not that improvement which a longer one might have given; but the teacher did well in this her first effort.

Ella S. Roby not absent one half day.

Winter Term—Clara M. Colby, Mast Yard (Concord), teacher. The teacher has had considerable experience, and taught a very good school with much profit to her pupils.

District No. 5. Richard Pevare, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Emma H. Calef, Salisbury, teacher. In this, the teacher's first term, she succeeded beyond expectation. All her pupils made rapid progress, and the school, though short, was "of the right stamp."

Winter Term—M. E. Marston, Andover, teacher. The teacher has had much experience, and was very practical in her manner of recitation, which would have been of great benefit to her pupils had she not been obliged to leave on account of sickness.

Angelica Kilburn, of Salisbury, completed the term with credit to herself and profit to her pupils.

District No. 6. Orris D. Webster, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Alla J. Dearborn, Canterbury, teacher. The scholars showed considerable improvement in the short time they were under the instruction of the teacher; the class in grammar particularly.

Nellie M. Webster, Sarah M. Chadwick, not absent.

Winter Term—Sarah A. Morse, Concord, teacher. In this school, from the very first, there was trouble, which increased as

the term drew near its close. The teacher had given good satisfaction in several terms she had taught in town before, but, for some reason there was a prejudice against her that could not be overcome, and any effort she could make only increased it. On this account the school was not as profitable as it otherwise would have been.

Sarah M. Chadwick, Lillie Atkinson, not absent one half day.

A new school-house is very much needed in this district, and, in my opinion, would add much to the interest taken in the school.

District No. 8. David T. Hoag, Prudential Committee.

Lizzie C. Morrill, Boscawen, teacher. This school being very small, only one term was held in the district the past year. Under the instruction of the teacher, all the scholars improved and passed a good examination at the close.

Myra Hoag, Juliet Hoag, and Lottie Hoag, not absent one half day.

One thing is very much needed in all our schools, viz., maps. There is not one in any district that hardly deserves the name. How can children be expected to have an accurate idea of our country by looking at a map made twenty years ago? To be sure, in some of their books the maps are accurate, but in many they are not. And, even if they were, Geography can be learned much more rapidly and accurately from a map hung on the wall, when each scholar is made to point out the different portions of the country that come up in their lessons, than from *any book*. In most of our districts the five per cent of the school money that can be expended for such purposes is not sufficient to procure suitable ones, and I hope there may be interest enough felt, by the citizens of this town, to vote an appropriation of \$100 for that purpose. That amount would supply all our schools with a good set of outline maps, and I believe would be rewarded by a much clearer knowledge of our *own* country, at least, if not of the world.

Report of Superintending School Committee of District No. 7.

The Superintending School Committee of District No. 7 submits the following Report:

The District has had three terms of school in each room. These schools have all been taught by young ladies, who have shown themselves competent, earnest, faithful, and, so far as I know, have given universal satisfaction. Considering the limited experience which these young ladies have had in the business of instruction, the manner in which they managed the schools was greatly to their credit.

The examination of the upper school, at the close of the winter term was admirable. The manner of reading on the part of some scholars was excellent.

More attention has been paid to penmanship in that school than usual. Two or three of the writing books were among the best that I have seen for several years.

The spelling book has been too much neglected in our schools. It can not be dispensed with in any proper course of study. Pupils should learn to read and spell correctly before they think of entering on the study of Physiology, Algebra, or any of the higher branches. I am happy to add, that in both schools, more than usual attention has been given to this branch of study.

The number who have attended has been larger than for several years. Yet it is an important question, how shall some be brought into the schools who are not seen there? It is to be feared that a considerable number, who need the advantages of the public schools, are not sharing their benefits. We have many parents who appreciate the value of an education, and will make any sacrifices rather than their children shall not receive it. We have others who do not appreciate its value,

and suffer their children to run in the streets, spending their time in idleness. We have others, still, who compel their children to labor in the mills, before they are half educated, to earn money, which the parents take for their own use.

It has been suggested that our winter school in the upper room can not be what it should be till we return to the custom of employing a male teacher, because, it is said, females can not ordinarily maintain such discipline over large boys as is necessary to a good school. I am by no means confident that the evil complained of will in this way be remedied. The young lady who had charge of the winter school, failed in no respect, that I discovered. Much of the best teaching that I have known has been given by females. Parents, and particularly those who have children to educate, must take a more active, personal interest in our schools before they will be a success.

I will only add that our school-house needs considerable repairs before the opening of the Spring schools.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT,
Superintending School Committee.

FISHERVILLE, Feb. 24, 1871.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF BOSCAWEN SCHOOL REPORT.

No. of Districts.	No. of Schools.	Whole number of different scholars, 4 years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks.	Average attendance of scholars during the year.	No. of pupils attending private school.	No. of male teachers employed during the year.	No. of female teachers employed during the year.	No. of different persons employed as teachers.	Wages of male teachers a month, including board.	Wages of female teachers a month, including board.	No. of teachers teaching for the first time.	No. of teachers teaching the same school two or more successive terms.	No. of teachers employed who have attended Teachers' Institutes.	Whole length of Summer schools in weeks.	Whole length of Winter schools in weeks.	Average length of schools for the year, in weeks.	Estimated value of school-houses and lots (each District).	No. of school-houses unfit for their purposes.	No. of school-houses built and repaired during the year.	The cost of the same.	Compensation paid for services of Superintending Committee.	Amount of money raised by town tax for support of schools.	Amount of Literary Fund.	Amount of Railroad tax for support of schools.	Average amount appropriated for each scholar.	No. of visits by Superintending School Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential School Committee.	No. of visits by other citizens.	No. of scholars attending to Reading and Spelling.	No. attending to Arithmetic.	No. attending to Geography.	No. attending to Grammar.	No. attending to U. S. History.	No. attending to Penmanship.	No. attending to Algebra.	Number of Academies.	
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2	1	16	11	11	1	1	2	\$38	\$28	1	1	2	10	8	9			1						5	2	2	39	16	9	1	1	12	2	2		
3	1	35	23	11	1	1	2	\$38	\$28	1	1	2	10	8	9			1						5	2	2	39	16	9	1	1	12	2	2		
4	1	14	7	7	1	1	2	\$38	\$28	1	1	2	10	8	9			1						5	2	2	39	16	9	1	1	12	2	2		
5	1	24	15	15	1	1	3	\$38	\$28	1	1	2	10	8	9			1						5	2	2	39	16	9	1	1	12	2	2		
6	1	28	14	14	2	2	2	\$38	\$28	1	1	2	10	8	9			1						5	2	2	39	16	9	1	1	12	2	2		
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